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SUBJ: MONASTIR INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

JULY 14 - AUG 2, 1977

1. DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MONISTIR HAS REQUESTED THAT POST ASSIST IN ARRANGING FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPATION DURING PERIOD JULY 14-AUGUST 2, 1977.

2. FESTIVAL WILL FOCUS ON DRAMATIC ART, ESPECIALLY ACTOR TRAINING INVOLVING COMEDIANS. IN EFFECT FESTIVAL THIS YEAR WILL BE DRAMATIC ARTS WORKSHOP WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM NORTH AFRICA INTERACTING WITH A GROUP FROM L'ECOLE SUPERIEURE DE'ART DRAMATIQUE DE STRASBOURG (FRANCE), WHICH WILL ORGANIZE PRACTICAL WORK SESSIONS AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF ACTUAL PERFORMANCES PLUS A COLLOQUIUM.

3. ACTION: REQUEST CU/ART CONTACT SCHOOLS OF DRAMATIC ARTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SENDING A PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANT (ACTOR/PROFESSOR) AND ONE OR TWO ADVANCED STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL TO REPRESENT THE AMERICAN THEATRE.

4. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE ROOM AND MEALS DURING
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PERIOD OF STAY. TRANSPORTATION WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID BY U.S. DRAMATIC CHOLL/GROUP OR CU.

5. FYI: THIS FESTIVAL (AT THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE PRESIDENT) IS VERY IMPORTANT. IT IS EXPECTED PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AND MANY SENIOR GOVT OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND. STATE SPANS INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION OF TUNISA. POST HAS BEEN

OFFERED EXHIBIT SPACE WHERE WE MIGHT HAVE EXHIBIT
CONCERNING AMERICAN THEATRE AND ARTS, FILM PROGRAMS AND BOOK
DISPLAY FOR DURATION OF FESTIVAL.

6. GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF FESTIVAL AND RARE SUMMER OPPORTUNITY
REACH SLECT SEGMENT PRIMARY AUDIENCE, POST BELIEVE POSSIBLE
AMERICAN PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLORED BY CU.
SUCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR CULTURAL PROGRAMS TO DRAW IN HIGH
LEVEL OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT BE MISSED.
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